

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment, filed on December 28, 2008, is acknowledged.

Claim 2 has been canceled.

Claims 1 and 3-10 are pending and currently under consideration.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

3. Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's representative, Eric Spector, on February 12, 2008.

In the Claims

Claim 1, the phrase "amino acid" on line 17 has been replaced with -- the amino acid --.

4. Claims 1 and 3-10 are allowed.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chun Dahle whose telephone number is 571-272-8142. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor Eileen O'Hara can be reached 571-272-0878. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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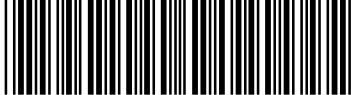
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